

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI # 1504523817

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

George Town Bridge/Sassafras River Bridge

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Maryland Route 213 and Sassafras River

CITY, TOWN

Fredericktown (Georgetown) ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Folio 217/94

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☒ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

State Highway Administration DOT Survey

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

301 West Preston Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21201**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE  
Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure spans the Sassafras River between Kent and Cecil counties, and carries Maryland Route 213, north and south. It consists of 26 concrete girder spans of 25' in length and two of 27', with a double leaf bascule spanning 40' roughly in the center of the structure. There is a concrete bridge house on the NW corner of the draw span, with two stories, one at road level, one above, on a concrete drum. In plan the house is a square with chamfered corners. There are rectangular openings on each of the eight wall surfaces of each story, the upper being set in segmental arched panels. There is a concrete balustrade lining both sides of the stationary spans. There is a monument at the west side of the north end of the bridge commemorating the discovery of the river by Captian John Smith. The monument is carved to resemble a boulder with a scroll draped over it. A plaque in the base of the monument identifies the State Roads Commission as that of Frank H. Tower, chairman, with Clinton Uhl and John F. Mudd.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1917-1968

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

R.G. Collins, Jr., contractor  
New York, New York.

As with other similar bridges in the state, the Sassafras Bridge is significant at least for being a moveable bridge. It is of a particularly early date, and must have engendered some pride, since it is the only known arc drawbridge to have been given a Commissioners Plaque. Clinton Uhl (see Uhl notes) is associated with this structure as a commission member by this plaque. The bridge house is similar to that of the Poconoke City Bridge (SHA# 20034) and others, and by its early date may have established the prototype. See also M/DOT Survey general bridge significance, attached.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Files of the Bureau of Bridge Design, State Highway Administration,  
301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Md.

Condit, Carl, American Building Art, 20th Century; New York, Oxford  
University Press, 1961.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle Name: Galena, MD  
Quadrangle Scale: 1:24 000  
UTM References:

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA 33° 01' 51"  
74° 01' 51"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
NA	
STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

1980

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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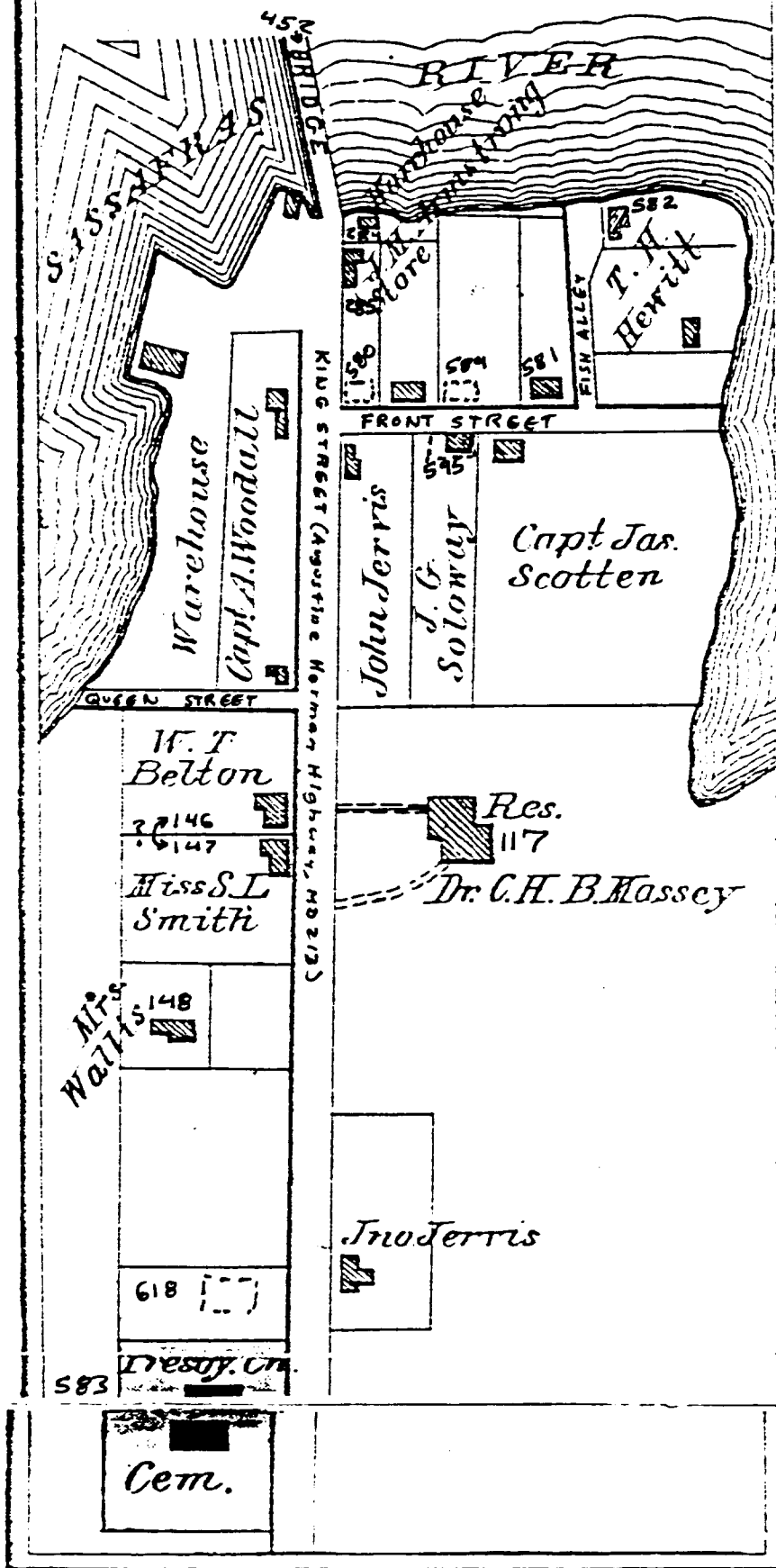
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# GEORGETOWN

KENT CO.

Dist. N<sup>o</sup> 7

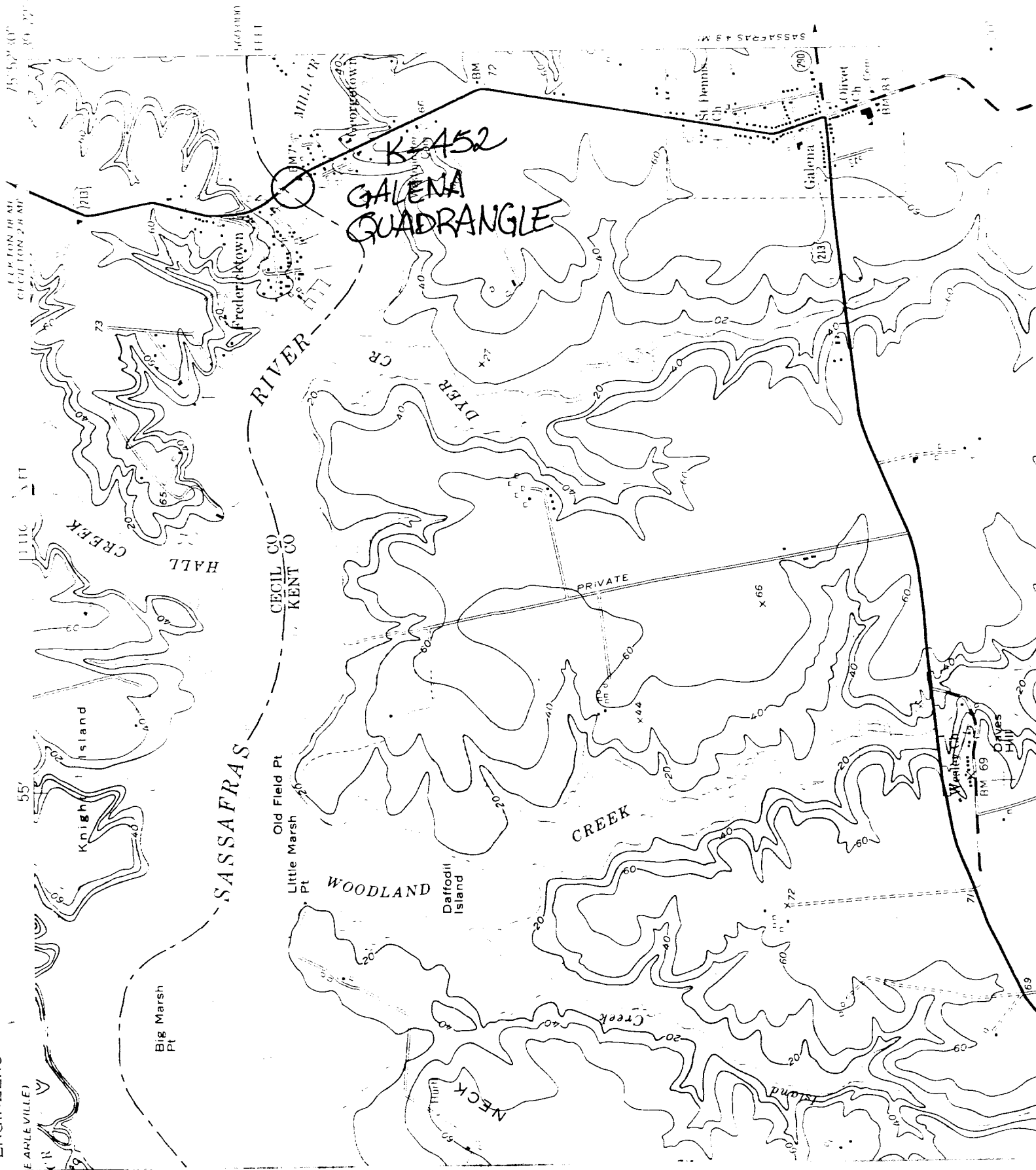
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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW 1/4 CECILTON 15' QUADRANGLE

ENGINEERS





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Georgetown Bridge

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